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The Mt. Tipton Water Company has requested a rate increase for their metered water customers. I wish to protest this measure, and recommend a more fair one.

The service area is a low income area, which also is arid, so there is a definite need for managing the water consumption to protect future water use.

As it is now, people who behave responsibly are subsidizing people who are not responsible. There is little incentive for metered users to not waste water, and some do. I've been told by a company employee that one household uses 80,000 gallons a year to maintain their swimming pool, rose garden, etc. On Kitmit Drive, close to where I live, is a house with a lavish and lush garden arrangement, which includes shrubs taller than me, as well as an artificial pond and creek. This may be an employee, or officer, of Mt. Tipton Water, as a company truck is usually parked outside.

I find this to be irresponsible consumption for this very dry area. At least excessive consumers should pay high prices. The present fee structure is only mildly progressive, it should be much more so to pay for the larger tanks and well systems needed - with no price breaks for employees and officers.

I thus suggest a steeply increased price on water consumption above a typical household use, instead of across-the-board increases. At least a fee schedule that encourages water conservation, and does help out low-income families who act responsibly.

I have recently suggested to Mt. Tipton Water that they advocate water saving devices. I even gave them an ultra-low-flow showerhead, but received no reply at all. Obviously not interested. We in the dry states need to recognize and manage our limited water resources now, and not wait until nature forces us to do it.

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